

# INTERSTATE MOTOR CONTROVERSY ENDS

Secretary of State Lyons Holds New Jersey's Stand Is Justified.

## BROAD VIEW IS TAKEN

Declares It Would Be Absurd to Insist on One-sided Arrangement.

## SENDS LETTER TO McCRAN

Joins With Him in Hope That Cordial Relations Will Continue.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York, June 30.

The motor vehicle law controversy between this State and New Jersey was ended today by a ruling from Secretary of State John J. Lyons that any person who has been declared competent by the New Jersey motor vehicle authorities can drive his car in this State. This ruling will remove the inconvenience which thousands of New York motorists would be put to in driving to New Jersey Saturday to see the Dempsey-Carpenter fight as well as over the Fourth if they had to obtain New Jersey licenses.

"It is unfortunate," said Mr. Lyons, "that anything should mar the happy relations that have existed during the past year in the motor vehicle reciprocity laws in the two States. A recent conviction of an operator 16 years of age who resided in New Jersey by a Justice of the Peace in New York State on a charge of being under 18 years of age, which the law of New York State requires of its operators and chauffeurs brought about a repeal on the part of New Jersey officials at New York last Sunday, when a number of New York motorists were arrested for not having operators' certificates. In New Jersey all operators must have certificates, but New York State does not require such outside of Greater New York."

"If this were to be continued it would mean reprisals on both sides and a grave injustice to the motorists of both States. So long as the laws of States differentiate in their requirements there can be only one way to solve the problem, and that is by the States taking a broad and practical view and abiding by the requirements of their sister States."

"Attorney-General Newton upon my request took the matter up with Attorney-General McCran of New Jersey, and as the result of their correspondence I feel that it is my duty to rule in an official capacity that it would be absurd to hold arbitrarily that an operator who has been examined and certified as competent by New Jersey officials or any other adjoining State was not fit to operate in this State, while New Jersey allows operators from New York to operate in its State regardless of whether or not they have had any examination at all."

"It is therefore my opinion that the New Jersey laws are substantially equivalent to the provisions of our statute and indeed require even more from its own residents than is required from ours. My advice is that the authorities of this State should not molest any resident of New Jersey who is permitted to operate in that State when they come within the confines of New York State operating a motor vehicle. I have written today to the Attorney-General of New Jersey and likewise Motor Vehicle Commissioner Dill that I join with them in the hope expressed in their letter that the cordial relations that have heretofore existed between the States in the matter of motor vehicle operations may still continue."

## LINEMAN KILLED BY TOUCHING LIVE WIRE

Had No Rubber Gloves in Making Repairs.

William Townsend, 27 years old, a lineman, of Richmond Terrace, New Brighton, S. I., was instantly killed last night when he touched a live wire in repairing lines of the Richmond Light and Power Company, at the soldiers' hospital at Fox Hills. Yesterday's storm had left the institution without lights. Townsend, it is said, had no rubber gloves.

A number of linemen employed by the company, it is said, went on strike yesterday afternoon on the ground that they were asked to work in the rain without being furnished with rubber coats, boots and gloves. Townsend refused to join them.

## MISS BYRD LOSES SUIT AGAINST BOND CONCERN

National City Company Wins \$125,000 Damage Action.

By the disagreement of the jurors who for twelve days listened to testimony, the National City Company won yesterday an action for \$125,000 damages begun against it by Miss Amanda B. Byrd, former field secretary for the Colorado Prison Association. She had been employed in the bond company's building but was discharged, and instead of leaving the building started a speech in the corridor. An ambulance was sent for and she was removed to the psychopathic ward of Bellevue. She blamed the bond company for her incarceration there.

## WRITES UNDERTAKER; DIES.

Red Bank Woman Notifies Friends of Coming Suicide.

"If you call at 130 Broad street you will find my remains in the parlor," wrote Mrs. Rachel E. Brown of Red Bank, N. J., yesterday to Albert W. Worden, Jr., an undertaker of Red Bank. Worden hurried to the house and found Mrs. Brown dead in bed from gas poisoning.

Several notes to relatives and friends were found, in one of which she said she was depressed and had decided to say goodby and meet the "dear one who have gone before." Mrs. Brown was the widow of Dr. A. G. Brown and had considerable means. She was 66 years old.

## LASKER GOES TO CHICAGO.

Albert D. Lasker, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, passed through New York yesterday on his way to Chicago. He will return to this city Wednesday to meet ship operators and owners in connection with the reorganization plans of the board.

# SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS CAT'S RIGHT TO USE CLAWS

Interference in Fight of Cat and Dog a Voluntary Submission to Danger, According to Massachusetts Tribunal.

BOSTON, June 30.—The Supreme Court today upheld the right of a cat to use its claws and teeth as a means of protection against persons who seek to interfere in a cat and dog fight. Prudence, the court held, should prompt a person to leave a strange cat alone under such circumstances.

The opinion, prepared by Chief Justice

## INVOLVED IN TUGBOAT THEFT, TRIES SUICIDE

Nichols Stabs Himself 17 Times in Jersey City.

Believed to have been temporarily deranged because of his own implication in the theft of a railroad tugboat eight years ago, Samuel Nichols, a boatman, attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself while in the Hudson County Court House, Jersey City, yesterday. Before a score of witnesses could restrain Nichols he had plunged a penknife seventeen times into his neck and abdomen. He was attended by Assistant County Physician Haskins, who happened to be in the building, and was taken to the City Hospital.

Nichols was known to county authorities as the informant in the trials in 1913 which followed the capture of a band of boatmen charged with having appropriated a tug in Hoboken, leading it with silk, and, after disposing of the silk, having sent the tug out beyond New Island with seacocks wide open. Mainly on Nichols's testimony, several of the band were sentenced to prison. Nichols appeared in the court house recently complaining that he was being persecuted by his former companions.

## McQUILLAN TO EXPLAIN 'SLAP' AT GRAND JURY

Contempt Seen in Summons by Judge McIntyre.

Hugh McQuillan, chief of the intelligence unit of the United States Internal Revenue Office, was directed by Judge McIntyre in General Sessions yesterday to appear before the Grand Jury on July 11 and explain an interview he gave Wednesday in connection with the indictment of Frank Smith, revenue agent, who is charged with the theft of records from the Lusk committee. The Grand Jury complained that the interview reflected on that body. McQuillan was quoted as saying that Smith's arrest was the result of a "frameup" on the part of "bootleggers" against whom the agent had obtained evidence.

"If McQuillan made the statements attributed to him he is guilty of criminal contempt of court," said Judge McIntyre to the Grand Jury. "When I read the statement this morning I felt much as you men do, and I sent for him to appear before us."

United States District Attorney Hayward, who was in the courtroom, announced that McQuillan was present, ready to disavow any contempt of court or of the Grand Jury.

## WIFE'S FALSE CHARGES GET HUSBAND'S RELEASE

Justice Grants Separation to Richmond J. Reese.

That a wife's false charges against her husband constitute "cruel and inhuman treatment" was decided yesterday by Supreme Court Justice J. Addison Young at White Plains in granting a separation to Richmond J. Reese, a lawyer with offices at 64 Wall street, from Mrs. Angeline Reese. The lawyer based his suit upon allegations made by Mrs. Reese a year and a half ago in a separation suit that failed, which she admitted later were without foundation. Mrs. Reese had accused her husband of assault upon her half-sister and with being unduly friendly with other women. Justice Young characterized Mrs. Reese's charges as being "actuated by malice, a desire to obtain money from her husband and to obtain sole custody of their only child." Catherine, who is now 2 years old. He decided that the father may have the child three days each week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese were married in this city December 27, 1913, and on June 1, 1918, he alleged, she deserted him, taking their child with her to her mother's home at Laurelton, L. I.

## WIDOWER MARRIES HIS STEPDAUGHTER

Fulfills Promise Made to His Dying Wife.

Alexander Taylor of 8604 102d street, Richmond Hill, Queens, married his stepdaughter, Miss Isabelle Gordon, at his home yesterday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. Rolla E. Hunt. Taylor is 35 years old and his bride is 21. He had promised her mother a year and a half ago, when she then Mrs. Taylor died, that he would always care for Miss Gordon and would never part from her.

About ten years ago Taylor married a widow, Mrs. Grace Gordon, the present Mrs. Taylor being her only child. When Taylor and Miss Gordon decided to be married they consulted her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, who lives next door, and obtained her consent.

## OFFICERS TESTIFY FOR CHEW.

Tell of Irritable Disposition When in Army.

Several brother officers who have known him with considerable intimacy for the length of time he has been in the army testified yesterday in behalf of Capt. Beverly Grayson Chew, who is being tried by court martial at Governors Island for forgery and other offenses.

Two of the witnesses for him yesterday were Capt. Herbert Rose of the Marine Corps and Lieut. Thomas R. Jennings of the Twelfth Infantry. Both testified that for more than two years past he has been irritable and slept poorly and frequently quarreled with his best friends about trifles. It has been testified previously for Capt. Chew that he has never fully recovered from wounds received while fighting in France.

## HOUSTON SUCCEEDS ADLER.

David Franklin Houston, former Secretary of the Treasury, today accepted the chairman ship of the board of trustees of the National Child Labor Committee to succeed Dr. Felix Adler. The committee organized fifteen years ago and has been active in promotion of child labor laws in every State of the Union.

# INDICTED FOR LIBEL AS OIL STOCK FALLS

W. C. Moore, Author of Market Letter, Accused by Edward L. Doheny.

W. C. Moore, 53 Wall street, author of a market letter which gives advice on the purchase and sale of securities, was arrested yesterday and held in jail on an indictment returned by the Grand Jury for criminal libel. The complainant is Edward L. Doheny, president of the Mexican Petroleum Company, Ltd., a Delaware corporation.

Mr. Doheny appeared before the Grand Jury a few days ago and offered copies of the market letter in support of his contention that Moore was making a destructive and libelous attack on the petroleum securities.

The indictment against Moore is said to have followed an investigation which the Mexican Petroleum interests began ten days or more ago, following the abrupt break in the price of the stock from around 150 to 102. Yesterday the shares broke very badly, dropping from 112 1/4 to 93 1/4, the lowest at which they have sold in three years.

On May 21 Moore is alleged, according to the indictment, to have published and distributed to his subscribers in his news letter the following:

OILS—MEX PETE—I believe this stock is now on its way to many, very many, points lower. Sell on rallies. The report of another well was doubtless put out to influence shorts to cover and gudeons to buy. A big news will always synchronize with weakness in the stock. There must be a large corps of liars on Dough-ney's staff.

Although the indictment did not particularize further, it is known that evidence was presented alleging that on April 7 the market letter said: "I believe the head of this corporation is lying about the oil situation." Further, Moore is charged with stating that Doheny paid a sum of money every three months to Hearst to help hurt England "and to help the Sinn Feiners."

The break in petroleum shares yesterday was chargeable principally, according to traders, to the publication of the proposed tariff bill showing that oil imports had been placed on the tax list, with 25 cents a barrel to be charged for crude oil and 25 cents for fuel oil in the proposed new tariff measure.

Shares of the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company, which owns Mexican Petroleum, also had a sharp break.

When Moore was arrested by Detective Bernard J. Flood it is said he was writing a letter to President Obregon of Mexico. He was taken to the office of the District Attorney, and furnished bail.

## ALLEGED MUTINEERS HELD.

Eleven members of the crew of the United States Shipping Board tanker Laramie arrested at Rio de Janeiro on charges of mutinous conduct and brought back on the Manson liner George Washington were held yesterday for the Federal Grand Jury by United States Commissioner Stanton at Hoboken. It is alleged they got drunk at Rio and refused to board their vessel.

# BEDFORD'S ILL SON IS FOUND IN PRISON

Oil Man's Boy Escapes Physician and Is Sent Up for a Motor Theft.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., June 30.—Charles Bedford, who says he is a son of the vice-president of the Vacuum Oil Company, and gives his home as New York city, was sentenced to the Indiana State Prison today to serve from three to five years for automobile stealing. He confessed taking a roadster here last Saturday, driving it to Toledo, Ohio, and back to South Bend, Ind., where he was arrested.

Charles Bedford is the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bedford of Belpoint, L. I., and the grandson of Edward Thomas Bedford, the retired Standard Oil man. A year ago he was taken with scarlet fever, which left him temporarily mentally unbalanced. He was placed in the Riverdale Sanitarium. A few weeks ago it was decided that he should be sent to a ranch in the West where outdoor life might result in his complete recovery. In the care of a physician, ten days ago, the youth started for the West on a New York Central train.

A stop was made in Chicago, and while at a hotel in that city he escaped from the physician and since then the country has been searched for him by the police and a detective agency. A notice of his disappearance was issued by his father, who has spent many sleepless hours hoping to hear of his whereabouts. It was not until last night that they learned of the boy's predicament. Mr. and Mrs. Bedford will leave immediately for Indiana, accompanied by physicians who have attended the boy.

## SUES BANK FOR PAY FOR SHIP.

Chairman Lasker Attaches Funds to Collect \$400,000.

On a complaint filed by Assistant United States District Attorney Walker and sworn to by Albert D. Lasker, new chairman of the Shipping Board, Supreme Court Justice Donnelly issued an order yesterday attaching enough of the funds of the Banco Espanol del Rio de la Plata of Argentina to insure the payment of \$400,000.

Manuel Allend, a French resident, bought the steamship Hamelin from the Shipping Board for \$1,015,000 and gave in payment seven notes guaranteed by the bank. Two of them fell due and were not paid.

## DROP IN MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Unemployment and Housing Shortage Given as Cause.

Records of the marriage license bureau in Brooklyn show a reduction of 211 in the number of licenses issued during June, 1921, as compared with June, 1920. During the month ended yesterday 2,918 permits were secured. Only 292 marriages were performed at the license bureau during the same period, while during 1920, saw 464. Deputy City Clerk Quayle attributes the decrease to unemployment and shortage of housing.

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## NAMES ENGINEERS FOR STATEN ISLAND TUBE

Tuttle Sends Appointments to Estimate Board.

Arthur S. Tuttle, chief engineer of the Board of Estimate, announced yesterday he will recommend to the board the appointment of the following experts to the engineering staff for the proposed freight and passenger tunnel from Brooklyn to Staten Island:

Jesse B. Snow, 186 Meteor street, Florence Hill, tunnel engineer, \$12,000 a year; Frederick C. Noble, 136 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, consulting engineer, \$10,000; Charles D. Drow, 2 Ash street, Flushing, principal assistant engineer, \$7,500; William McK. Griffin, 415 Avenue C, Brooklyn; Albert E. Mill, 38 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, and William J. Wilgus, 79 East Seventy-ninth street, Manhattan, at \$6,000 each.

Mr. Tuttle will ask permission also to fill other positions from competitive civil service classes, so that the work may be got into shape for starting within the two year limit prescribed in the legislation authorizing the construction of the tunnel.

## WIDOW STABBED, MAN DEAD.

Partners in Lined Business Figure in Tragedy.

Mrs. Maria Bianchini, a widow, living at 9 Mulberry street, was taken to the Volunteer Hospital yesterday in a serious condition from stab wounds which apparently were inflicted by Pietro Crisello, whose dead body was found in her flat. Crisello's throat had been cut with a razor.

The pair were partners in a small linen business and had been friends for several years. She was unable to tell at the hospital what had happened.

## BRONZE PALM FROM FRANCE.

A bronze palm, sent by the Council General of the Department of the Marne and the Municipal Council of A. S. France, will be affixed on July 4 to the tomb of Gen. Bechet Rochefontaine in St. Paul's churchyard, Gen. Rochefontaine fought in the Revolutionary War. The ceremonies at his grave on Monday will be in charge of the Sons of the American Revolution.



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